Exhibit 1

1 2 3 4	UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA MIAMI DIVISION CASE NUMBER 25-22896-CV-KMW Friends of the Everglades, et al Plaintiffs				
5	vs.				
6	Kristi Noem, et al				
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9	ZOOM HEARING HELD 7-21-2025				
10	BEFORE THE HONORABLE KATHLEEN M. WILLIAMS UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT JUDGE				
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12	APPEARANCES:				
13	FOR THE PLAINTIFFS: Paul Schwiep, Esq. Scott Hiaasen, Esq.				
14	Robert Burlington, Esq. Elise Bennett, Esq.				
15	Jason Totoiu, Esq. Tanya Galloni, Esq.				
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18	Evan Ezray, Esq. Jeffrey DeSousa, Esq.				
19	David Murray, Esq.				
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               THE COURT: The Court calls Case No. 25-22896;
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     Friends of the Everglades, et al versus Kristi Noem, et al.
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               Counsel, please announce your appearances starting
     with the Plaintiff.
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               MR. SCHWIEP: Oh, okay, now I'm un-muted.
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              THE COURT: I can hear you now.
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              MR. SCHWIEP: Good afternoon, Your Honor, Paul
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     Schwiep, Scott Hiaasen and Bob Burlington from Coffey
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     Burlington on behalf of Plaintiffs Friends of the Everglades
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     and Center for Biological Diversity.
             And I'll let counsel for the Center of Biological
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     Diversity and Earthjustice introduce themselves.
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               THE COURT: Good afternoon.
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               MS. BENNETT: Good afternoon, Your Honor, Elise
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     Bennett and Jason Totoiu appearing on behalf of the Center for
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     Biological Diversity.
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               THE COURT: Good afternoon.
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               MS. GALLONI: Good afternoon, Your Honor, this is
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     Tanya Galloni from Earthjustice, appearing on behalf of
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     Plaintiff Friends of the Everglades.
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               THE COURT: Good afternoon. All right. And if the
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     defendants could announce their appearances as well.
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MR. RAURELL: Good afternoon, Your Honor, Carlos
Raurell from the U.S. Attorney's Office in Miami for the
Federal Defendants, Secretary Noem and the ICE Director.
in the waiting room -- I don't know if they're allowed access
-- from Main Justice are Marissa Piropato and Peter Torstensen.
From the Environmental and Natural Resources Division of DOJ.
          THE COURT: All right. I'll see if we can get them
into the Zoom proceeding. As I said, we had only allowed those
lawyers who were of record, but now that we have names, we'll
see if we can admit them.
          MR. RAURELL: Thank you, Your Honor.
          THE COURT: All right.
          MR. PANUCCIO: Good afternoon, Your Honor. This is
Jesse Panuccio for Defendant Kevin Guthrie in his official
capacity as the Executive Director of the Florida Division of
Emergency Management, the State defendant in the case.
        THE COURT: Good afternoon.
        MR. PANUCCIO: With me is Evan Ezray and Jeffrey DeSousa
from the State Solicitor General's Office.
          THE COURT: Good afternoon, gentlemen.
          MR. PANUCCIO: Good afternoon.
          THE COURT: All right. And is there anyone here for
Miami-Dade?
        MR. MARIE: David Murray, County Attorney's Office, on
behalf of Miami Dade County, Your Honor.
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1 THE COURT: Good afternoon. 2 All right. I think we everyone's appearance. 3 MR. AJIZIAN: Your Honor. 4 THE COURT: My apologies. MR. AJIZIAN: Your Honor, if I may, Chris Ajizian on 5 behalf of the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida. I should 6 7 have spoken up earlier with the Plaintiffs. We're a proposed intervener Plaintiff, our motion is 8 9 still pending, and so we're not in as yet. 10 THE COURT: Oh, yes. Thank you, Mr. Ajizian. 11 There are so many people on the Zoom, and so I did 12 not see everyone on my screen. I do see Ms. Sharpless, who is a "proposed" amicus. 13 Is there anyone else who hasn't been acknowledged or 14 15 announced their appearance? 16 All right. Before we begin, I want to remind everyone 17 on Zoom, as well as any parties, press and public that are 18 listening in, that it is prohibited to record these proceedings 19 in any way. 20 I also want to remind the lawyers that if you have something to say you must please identify yourself, because of 21 22 the array of boxes on the screen; so that my court reporter Ms. 23 Sanders can identify who is speaking. 24 And I would ask that you speak clearly, slowly and into 25 the microphone so that Ms. Sanders can make an accurate record

of what is being said. All right. Before we begin I will give a very brief, factual and procedural background.

This is a suit for declaratory and injunctive relief under the National Environmental Policy Act, the Administrative Procedure Act, Florida Statutes and Miami-Dade County Code.

This case was filed, I believe, in June of this year. The Plaintiffs claim that the Florida and Federal Governments have collaborated to construct an Immigration Detention Facility at the Dade-Collier Training and Transition Airport, TNT, without preparing the appropriate environmental impact statement as is required by NEPA and other State and County laws.

The TNT is located within the Everglades adjacent to the Big Cyprus National Preserve, which is a Nationally and State protected area, that is a habitat for endangered and threatened species.

On June 27th Plaintiffs filed their expedited motion for a TRO and a preliminary injunction.

On July 11th they again filed an expedited motion for ruling on the TRO and PI.

Between June the 30th and July the 18th Plaintiffs supplemented their filings, I believe, with eight notices.

Defendant Guthrie objected to the notices, which I think got mooted out this morning when the defendant filed his own supplement; and we'll get to that later.

On July 14th, the Miccosukee Tribe filed a motion to intervene. And on July 16th Judge Martinez recused, and I was then reassigned the case.

On that same day, Ms. Sharpless on behalf of Florida

Immigration Coalition filed a request to be allowed to file an
amicus brief.

I then scheduled this status conference in order to calendar matters and see what we could resolve.

I did last Friday, I believe it was, grant the unopposed motion for extension of time for -- I think it was Defendant Guthrie's answer. That leaves various other motions I would like to discuss.

The first one I am going to take up is yours, Ms.

Sharpless. While I very much appreciate the effort and the interest you have in our case, as you can see from our assembled counsel, I do not need any additional perspective on this case; I do need resolution.

And so at this point, Ms. Sharpless, I am going to deny without prejudice to renew at a later time your request to appear as amicus.

Again, I appreciate the time and effort, but I would like to straighten out what I have right now before I bring any other folks into the case.

But I know you're there, and so if I need your assistance I will advise you of that.

That brings us to the motion to intervene. I am going to ask that the defendants file their response by this Friday, the 25th, since that needs to be addressed.

I don't believe in light of everything that has transpired that we can wait much longer.

That leads to the other motions I am now going to take up, including the one that was filed a couple of hours ago -- and that is Defendant Guthrie's supplemental response -- which is really not a supplement, just as the Plaintiffs' supplements were not technically supplements.

So everyone's supplement is going to be recognized, but Plaintiffs, I need for you to respond to this by Friday.

It raises a venue issue, which I think is rather important.

I knew that TNT was in Collier County, and I thought that -- well, I don't know what I thought about the parties' agreement or perspective on this -- but I do need this issue to be teed up.

And so I am going to set a hearing on this issue for Wednesday July 30th at 10 o'clock. And that means if the Defendants wish to file a reply, they may, but in light of the fact that we're going to have oral argument on the 30th it is not necessary; but I leave that to your good offices.

MR. PANUCCIO: Your Honor, may I just ask -- and this is Jesse Panuccio for the State Defendant -- will that be an in-person hearing; just to clarify?

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THE COURT: I prefer that it be in person because,
you know, "technology"; although everyone is a big fan. But
getting everybody on can be quite difficult.
        And so for this type of a hearing I believe it is
better held in person.
        MR. PANUCCIO: Just to clarify, Your Honor, in person
is fine for the State.
          THE COURT: All right.
          MR. PANUCCIO: I just wanted to make sure that I knew
in terms of making arrangements.
          Thank you, Your Honor, I appreciate it.
          THE COURT: You're welcome. All right. So that
takes care of that issue.
        Let's turn now to the -- the temporary restraining
order and preliminary injunction. I really don't know, counsel,
what to do with that.
        I was going to schedule a hearing for next Friday, but
I don't know that this venue issue will be fully addressed --
and it may be -- but I think we probably need to have a
hearing.
         Mr. Schwiep, will you be handling pretty much of our
discussion here today?
          MR. SCHWIEP: Yes, Your Honor.
          THE COURT: All right. Before we move forward let me
address something for the record.
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Because I think it is important in a proceeding like this to be transparent.

Mr. Hiaasen worked for me 11, 12 years ago -- a long time ago -- as a law clerk. I have reviewed the code of conduct, the appropriate statutes, and I do not believe that is a real conflict.

So I just wanted to put that on the record before we proceeded. I am assuming since you all have been dealing with each other for over a month now and know each other, that there is no issue, but I am always mindful of being transparent.

So, Mr. Schwiep, if I were to schedule this preliminary injunction how long do you think the hearing would take?

Are we talking about a number of witnesses? What is your thinking? Let me hear from you on that issue first, and then I will turn to the lawyer from the Department and then to Mr. Panuccio.

MR. SCHWIEP: Thank, Your Honor. We have been able to discuss that issue -- with counsel -- and we do believe that the preliminary injunction hearing will be able to be conducted in a day.

We do think the Court would benefit from hearing from witnesses. It looks like there are some mixed factual legal issues, especially in connection with the Federal and State Defendants' position that the operation of this facility is entirely a State endeavor.

So we have suggested, and we put this in our renewed motion, that the preliminary injunction hearing be scheduled within 14 days.

And that the Court then set up a schedule for the parties to exchange those exhibits they intend to introduce at that hearing, and also to provide a witness list.

We also, Judge, feel very strongly, apart from the venue issue -- which we think there is venue in this

District -- a substantial portion of the events did occur here, including that the property was commandeered from Miami-Dade County.

Not to suggest that venue couldn't also have been laid also in Collier County but a substantial portion of the events occurred here; a portion of the property is in Miami-Dade County.

But apart from that -- and we understand you want further briefing on it -- you are going to conduct a hearing.

There was no suggestion that Your Honor does not have jurisdiction now. In the initial responses to our initial TRO motion, there wasn't any issue raised about venue.

We've renewed that motion. We weren't aware -- and none of us were aware of Judge Martinez's conflict -- but apparently there was one; and he was unable to take up the TRO motion.

But, Judge, we think a TRO should be entered today -- a limited narrowly tailored TRO -- we've laid out what we think that should look like in our renewed motion; and then a hearing set within 14 days.

If Your Honor ultimately concludes that there is a venue -- none of the Defendants have moved to dismiss or to transfer this case if there ultimately is a venue issue -- but that would not moot or end this case; even if there were a venue issue.

Again, we do not believe that there is one. But for that reason, we think that a TRO should be entered today, this Court has jurisdiction as of today; and then an injunction hearing be set within the next 14 days.

THE COURT: All right. Well, I am not going to enter a TRO today. I have read all of the papers. And I am aware, as you point out counsel, that there are some mixed factual and legal issues -- not as perhaps straightforward as some of the cases cited by both sides -- and in light of that I wanted to have a hearing.

I certainly do not want to have a hearing necessarily right on the heels of hearing about the venue issue. While I understand the Plaintiffs have been waiting to have a hearing in front of a Judge -- and have been emphatic about the need for a guick resolution.

But, again, Judge Martinez's conflict arose with some later filed pleadings; nobody saw that. I needed time to look this over -- and that is why I wanted to talk to you all -- but then the venue issue was raised.

So I guess, Mr. Schwiep, I am asking you in terms of time -- how long after our hearing next week would you like to be heard on the TRO and the PI? I think at this point, it's all of a piece.

MR. SCHWIEP: Judge, we would request a hearing at the Court's earliest convenience.

Again, we think the venue issue will be easily resolved because it doesn't -- under 13912 it doesn't have to be that all the events occurred in this District.

Venue can lay in two separate Districts. So long as a substantial portion of the events occurred in this District Your Honor will have venue.

So we don't think that belatedly raised issue -- and it wasn't in the initial responses -- and so we are going to argue waiver. We believe it will be easily resolved; and so we would request a hearing at ideally the end of that week.

THE COURT: That is what I had originally thought -before the venue issue came up -- would be a good time. But I
do think I will need some time to take in your arguments before
we proceed.

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So in as much as you still feel it needs to be resolved
quite quickly, I will set a hearing for August the 4th at 10
o'clock.
        If in reviewing the venue arguments you have great
qualms I will postpone or reset; but I would like everyone to
have some direction in going forward.
          And in terms of logistics, that hearing will be held
in person as well.
          MR. PANUCCIO: Your Honor, if I may.
          THE COURT: Yes.
         MR. PANUCCIO: Again, Jesse Panuccio for the State
Defendant.
        I do unfortunately -- and I apologize because it is
something I cannot move -- I have something on the fourth in
Tallahassee. If I could move it, I would.
        I can do later in the week, the sixth, the seventh or
even the eighth -- I could potentially move something -- but
the fourth would be very difficult for me. And I do apologize
for that.
          THE COURT: So, the matter you'll be in Tallahassee
on, you think your business may run over to the fifth, is that
what I'm hearing?
          MR. PANUCCIO: Your Honor, I also have a deposition
that day, and so I'll be leaving -- but I'll need to get into
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the deposition -- so I apologize for that, Your Honor.

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Honor.

THE COURT: All right. Then what I'll set it down for the sixth starting at nine o'clock. That should hopefully work for you, Mr. Panuccio. MR. PANUCCIO: That does scheduling wise, Your Honor; thank you. As a matter of substance, however, I did wish to be heard briefly. THE COURT: All right. MR. PANUCCIO: It is our position, Your Honor, that a full-blown evidentiary hearing right now is unnecessary. I understand the Court is going to take up the venue issue -- and that be resolved one way or the other -- but if assuming the Court were to say or conclude that venue is proper here, we still have other jurisdictional arguments -- as to why this case cannot go forward. For example, that Immigration detention decisions are not subject to Judicial review. THE COURT: Okay. MR. PANUCCIO: And so we believe that it would be a tremendous use of party -- and Court resources -- to call in witnesses, to prepare for essentially a full blown evidentiary hearing when it could be this case is not -- the Court will conclude the case is not Constitutional at all. And so we believe that attorney argument on those other issues should precede any sort of an evidentiary hearing, Your

THE COURT: I think what you're referring to, counsel, is the Title VIII provision. I do not believe that has really anything to do with what I would be deciding here in this particular action since I am not wading into decisions about Immigration.

What I am wading into -- no pun intended -- where this Detention Center has been put out in the middle of the Everglades.

Which, again, while I did very much appreciate Ms. Sharpless' request to assist the Court -- my focus is NEPA, APA and not the use of the land.

Although I am sure that does go to the State and Ms. Noem's arguments about why in a matter of weeks this facility needed to be created out at TNT.

But I have reviewed everyone's submissions and I do not see any other legal issue that would prevent me from having an evidentiary hearing.

I understand at that hearing the question of, is it Federal or is it State, is going to be very much contested and discussed -- that I fully expect -- but I do believe that such a hearing is appropriate.

With the exception of the venue issue -- which has been raised -- I think we are clear to go ahead and have the parties present their arguments and whatever evidence it is they wish to adduce.

And Mr. Schwiep -- or maybe it was Mr. Panuccio -- I know you said you had been discussing how the proceeding might go forward.

I know that there are some pictures that have been submitted as attachments and the like; and so I would urge you both to continue to have those conversations.

And I think that would be helpful in terms of at least looking at if there are some things that could be streamlined with some of the exhibits.

MR. SCHWIEP: Your Honor, this is Paul Schwiep on behalf of the Plaintiffs.

To be clear, the Plaintiffs are not seeking any sort of an injunction against the Federal Defendants' obligations under Title VIII; that is detention, removal, deportation -- all of those decisions -- we're not seeking to enjoin any of those activities.

In terms of the hearing, the whole Federal, State issue does raise -- as has been mentioned here -- a mix of factual issues and law.

And just to clarify for the record, Your Honor, when I had referred to discussions earlier, I meant internally within the Plaintiffs' counsel team.

THE COURT: Oh, okay.

MR. SCHWIEP: But we do, Your Honor, believe that some exchange of documents would be helpful.

1 And if I could just provide one example. 2 THE COURT: All right. 3 MR. SCHWIEP: In the Kevin Giles' declaration that was attached to the Federal Defendants' response, there was a 4 5 reference to a 287(q) agreement -- which I know Your Honor is 6 familiar with. 7 But it's unclear from that declaration -- and it's been unclear from the Defendants' fillings -- whether, for instance, 8 9 there is such an agreement as between Defendant Division of 10 Emergency Management and any of the Federal Defendants. 11 So that is why I would suggest in advance of the 12 hearing that -- it would be useful if the parties could 13 exchange some exhibits or documents they attempt to... 14 THE COURT REPORTER: Judge... 15 THE COURT: Slow down if you would. 16 MR. SCHWIEP: On our side, Judge, we have sent FOIA 17 requests to the Federal agencies, and we've sent public records 18 requests under the Sunshine Act to the State agencies. 19 We haven't gotten documents back, and so we're a little 20 bit of -- flying blind -- and that is why I think it would be 21 useful to have some exchange of whatever materials the Federal 22 and State Defendants are going to rely on -- in support of the

argument that this is entirely a State initiative without any

Federal involvement or entanglement.

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MR. PANUCCIO: Your Honor, if I may briefly respond just to make sure the record is clear.

THE COURT: All right.

MR. PANUCCIO: So, on the one hand my friend says that they're not seeking to enjoin anything related to the Immigration -- that's just not true, Your Honor -- this is their docket entry 40.

The relief they request is as follows: A temporary restraining order enjoining the Defendants from -- requiring Defendants from causing the transport of additional detainees to the site and ceasing any operations related to detaining or preparing for the detention of anyone not detained at the site.

I mean, Your Honor, that is quintessential Immigration related activity.

THE COURT: Well, I think that would be like -- and I cannot think of an exact -- but let's say you had a training center out "there" for Immigration agents and you were busing them in from around the country.

That doesn't have anything to do with what's happening with Immigration; it has to do with the fact that this is happening out in the middle of the Everglades without an appropriate EIS.

I cannot order and I am not here to weigh in on the decision one way or another.

I am here to determine if the appropriate protocol was entered into before the decision was made to put the facility there.

So while I understand that you are focusing on that language, Mr. Panuccio, it would be whatever activity was happening out there that the Plaintiffs would be asking to enjoin so there would be no additional environmental impact or some unknown environmental impact because there has been no environmental assessment.

And, Mr. Schwiep, if I am putting words in your mouth then please let me know.

You are not addressing the detention decision itself; you are not asking me to get into Immigration matters as to detention decision or anything like that?

MR. SCHWIEP: No, Your Honor, we certainly do not intend that. We are well aware of the limitations on -- the limits on injunctive relief that apply to the Court under 1231(f).

And we're certain that the Court could craft an injunction that in no way restrains the Federal Defendants' ability to continue to enforce Title VIII in terms of any apprehension decisions, detention decisions, removability determinations or deportations.

All of that can occur, just not at this site, without compliance with equally important Federal laws.

Including the National Environmental Policy Act.

THE COURT: Mr. Panuccio does bring up a good point I think. Your renewed motion at docket entry 40 -- and I am not entirely clear -- have you changed somewhat or modified your original request at docket entry five?

MR. SCHWIEP: Yes, Your Honor -- and that's a good question -- at the time that we filed at docket entry five on June 27th there were no detainees that were being held at the site; it was all prospective at that time.

And what we sought -- along with the proposed order that we submitted with docket entry five -- was to prevent the Federal Defendants in the State from transporting non-citizens onto that site and to stop any further construction activities at the site until there was NEPA compliance.

Recognizing, Your Honor, that since the time we filed at docket entry five -- our original TRO motion -- things have changed. It appears to us -- and based on reported accounts -- that non-citizens have been surged into that site.

The latest number we heard was around 900; with a view towards possibly moving 3000 folks onto the site.

We limited and tried to narrowly tailor the request that we're seeking today. And so I have heard Your Honor -- but this would be what we request -- that no further detainees be brought onto the site and that no further construction activities be permitted at the site.

So essentially, Your Honor, we would just hold the status quo as of today; and then allow us to go forward with our injunction hearing within 14 days.

And if I could just very briefly say two things about that, Your Honor...

THE COURT: No one ever means that -- ever in the history of litigation -- no one ever means briefly.

MR. SCHWIEP: Of course.

THE COURT: All right -- I am somewhat teasing you -- but I just wanted to let you know that I am onto you all.

MR. SCHWIEP: Your Honor, I believe that there has been -- the change in circumstance is of course significant -- and so I believe bears noting this afternoon.

As I said, it has been widely reported that since the time of our filing at least 900 detainees have been moved onto the site; and the reporting has been that the situation for those detainees is dire.

There have been reports about flooded facilities and toilets that do not work, food that spoils, sweltering heat, non-potable water...

THE COURT: Let me stop you, counsel, because that is not before me. To the extent that any of the sewage is not being contained appropriately and is going into the water supply and affecting the aquifer, then that is something this lawsuit would address.

But as to the conditions of the migrants, I believe Judge Ruiz, who is right across the hall from me, he has the lawsuit addressing those issues; and so those arguments would best be directed to him.

But I do understand, Mr. Schwiep, that we are at a different place now than when you first filed suit. There were no individuals out there at that time and no construction had been had as of yet.

But this is the case that I have, and I think the schedule that I have proposed addresses all of the issues that I have been given to review in as quickly a timeframe as humanly possible.

MR. SCHWIEP: Thank you, Your Honor.

MR. RAURELL: Your Honor, this is Carlos Raurell for the Federal Defendants.

May I be heard very briefly? And I do mean, very briefly.

THE COURT: Sure.

MR. RAURELL: I don't have that much, Your Honor, but I would just like to put on record that the Federal Defendants will be availing themselves of an opportunity to file a reply on the issue of venue--

THE COURT: Stop, stop, stop. You need to slow down,
Mr. Raurell, because you are a very rapid speaker. Ms. Sanders
needs to be able to take down what it is you are saying.

MR. RAURELL: My apologies to Ms. Sanders.

THE COURT: You may proceed; but slowly.

MR. RAURELL: Your Honor, the Federal Government

Defendants will be availing themselves of the opportunity to

file a reply on the issue of venue.

And just to somewhat expand upon the preliminary jurisdictional issues that Mr. Panuccio cited -- and that have been teed up by the papers -- we believe really obviate or at least we believe should be answered, should be resolved before there's an evidentiary hearing; whether there has been a final agency action that could be reviewed under the APA.

And you had discussed impact just a moment ago. The appropriate impact cannot be decided without determining what the final agency action was.

So I just wanted to say that the Federal Defendants think that an evidentiary hearing is premature potentially both for the venue reason, but also because there is this important issue about a final agency action.

Thank you, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Thank you, Mr. Raurell. I do note that that has been raised in the papers.

As to your reply to venue, I would also ask that you file by the 25th, this Friday, so that I have a fully ripe motion to discuss with all of you on the 28th.

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The final agency action I believe is subject to
discussion -- which is why a hearing is necessary -- and as I
said, I am sure I will be given either witness testimony or
some exhibits which go to the positions of the parties.
          So to repeat, I would ask that the replies by either
Co-defendants or the Plaintiffs on venue be filed by the 25th,
and I will see all of you here on the 28th at 10 o'clock to
discuss venue.
        The preliminary injunction hearing will be scheduled
for August sixth at nine o'clock unless you hear otherwise from
    Other than those matters, everyone can take a moment and
refrain from supplements and the like.
        If the Eleventh Circuit -- well, no, I guess they're on
vacation -- if a "Circuit" comes out with a decision you feel
is squarely on point, obviously I am interested in that.
        But otherwise, I would like all of your focus to be on
the issues we already have fully briefed.
        MR. SCHWIEP: Did Your Honor say the venue hearing was
being held on the 28th or the 30th?
          THE COURT: I'm sorry if I misspoke; on the 30th.
          MR. SCHWIEP: Thank you, Your Honor.
          THE COURT: The 30th is the Wednesday, yes?
          MR. SCHWIEP: Yes, Your Honor.
          MR. PANUCCIO: And, Your Honor, I also have just one
clarification if I might.
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THE COURT: Of course. MR. PANUCCIO: I thought you said -- I thought earlier you had indicated that the Plaintiffs would file their papers on venue and then it was optional if we wanted to reply. We do not have to; is that right? THE COURT: You are correct. MR. PANUCCIO: And I thought I heard you say -- maybe everything would be due on the 25th -- I just wanted to clarify that Plaintiffs would file on the 25th and then we would file later? THE COURT: Plaintiffs will file their response and then Codefendant, Federal Defendants, will file their response reply. You are not obligated to file a reply, because I will be seeing you Wednesday morning, but if you decide to do so then if you could get it to me by Tuesday afternoon so that I can actually read it that would be great. MR. PANUCCIO: Understood, Your Honor. MR. SCHWIEP: Your Honor, if we receive the Federal Defendants' position on venue on the 25th -- the Plaintiffs receive it on the 25th -- should we deem it necessary may we have until Tuesday afternoon to submit our reply to the Federal Defendants' position? THE COURT: Yes, yes. But, again, I am going to be seeing everybody on Wednesday the 30th.

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But, yes, you may do so. Let me clear, Tuesday the
29th, if anyone has anything more to say, I will need that
filed on Tuesday the 29th by three o'clock.
         MR. PANUCCIO: Thank you, Judge.
         MR. SCHWIEP:
                       Thank you.
          THE COURT: All right. Let me say this, I am hopeful
that I will have a decision well before August 6th, but in the
eventuality I allow the Miccosukee to join, I will expect them
to be present at the August 6th preliminary injunction hearing.
        I can take up -- depending on when I make a decision
about intervention -- I can take up the issue of allowing the
Tribe to give their position on the PI; but it will be quick,
it will be fast.
          UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Your Honor, are you planning
to hear any argument on the intervention papers or are you
going to decide it on the papers?
          THE COURT: No, I am just going to decide it on the
papers.
        Oh, I see counsel waving his hand. I think you need to
un-mute.
         MR. AJIZIAN: Can you hear me now?
          THE COURT: Yes; you are un-muted.
         MR. AJIZIAN: Your Honor, if the Tribe is permitted to
intervene, then we will be available on August 6th.
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THE COURT: And if I grant the Tribe's motion, then I suggest in the interim -- if there is some particular area that you think unique to the Tribe or some position that hasn't been emphasized sufficiently -- I would ask you immediately file a motion to present your position; and I'll give you a timeline. MR. AJIZIAN: Thank you, Your Honor. THE COURT: All right. Thank you all for being available this afternoon. I'm sorry about the glitches in getting everyone up on Zoom, but I thought it important for us to set out a schedule and that Zoom was the fastest way to get it accomplished. So, we now have our schedule, and I look forward to hearing from the parties this Friday, and perhaps Tuesday, and seeing you all next Wednesday at 10 o'clock. We are adjourned.

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